

**Bishop James A. Handy, D.D.**  
A. M. E. Church

**Residence: Baltimore, Md.**

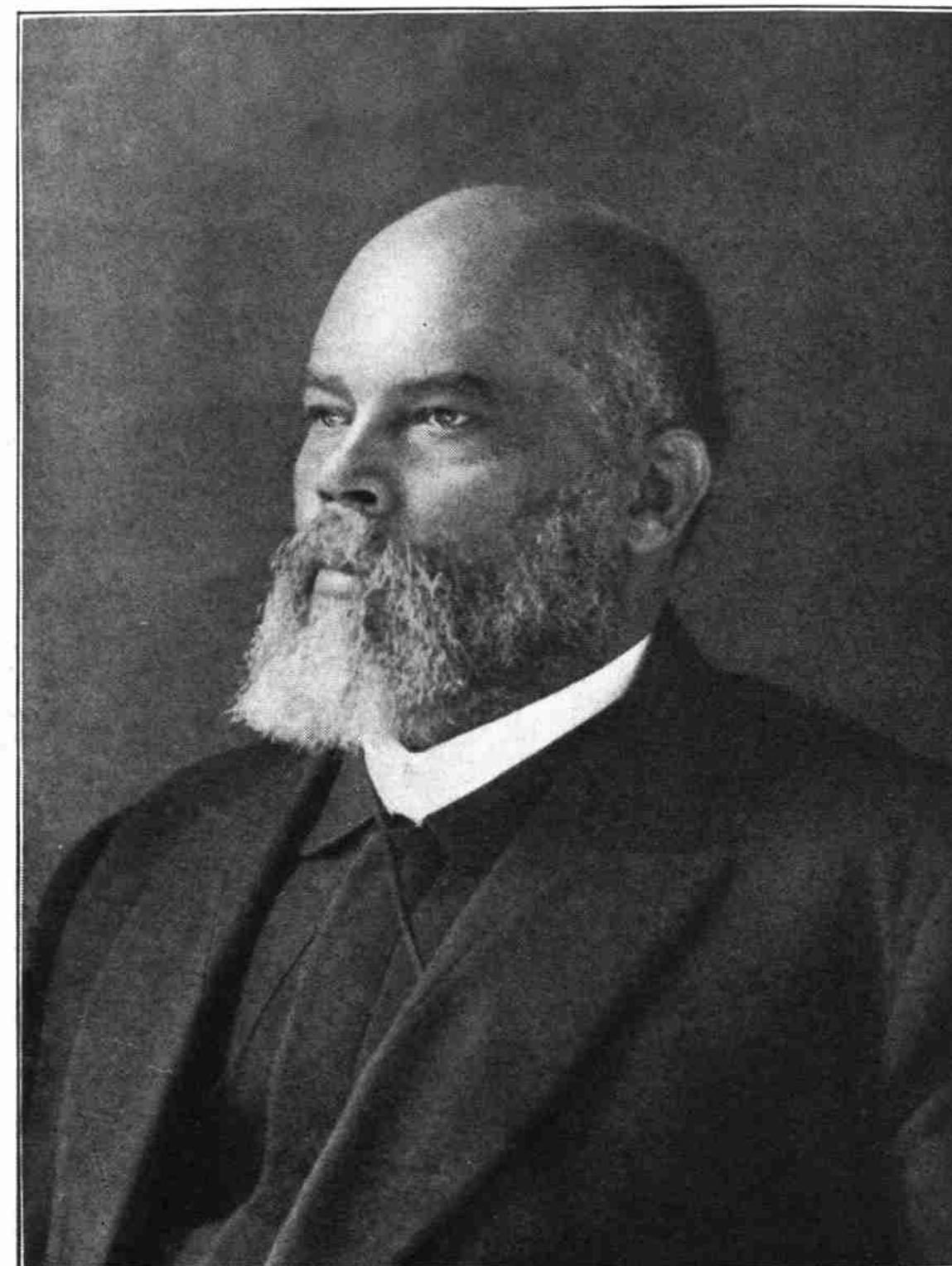
BISHOP HANDY has been ill for three years and is not in active service. He was born in Baltimore December 22, 1826; joined the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1853; licensed to preach, 1860; elected bishop, 1892. Served many important churches during his pastorate. Secretary of the Missionary Department several years. Four years financial secretary African Methodist Episcopal Church. One of the great business men of the church, and one of the finest historians of the Negro race. Was a friend of Lincoln and a frequent adviser of the President. Bishop Handy is greatly beloved by his people.

**Bishop Abraham Grant, D.D.**  
A. M. E. Church

**Residence: Kansas City, Kan.**

BISHOP GRANT presides over the conferences of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, and New Mexico.

He was born a slave in Lake City, Fla., August 25, 1848, and was sold at Columbus, Ga., for \$6,000, Confederate money. At the close of the war he returned to Florida and was a clerk in a grocery store of his former owner, and a



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steward in hotels. He was able to spend a few hours each day in a missionary school and later attended night school at Cookman Institute.

He was converted in 1868 at a camp meeting in Lake City, joined the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and was licensed to preach in 1873. He was ordained elder in 1876. While in Jacksonville he was inspector of customs, and was appointed by Governor Stearns as county commissioner of Duval County. He was transferred to Texas in 1878, and was a pastor at San Antonio and Austin, and later was presiding elder. In 1888 he was elected bishop.

Bishop Grant is greatly interested in the cause of Christian education. He has served three years, each, on the trustee boards of Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Fla., and Allen University, Columbia, S. C., and four years each as president of the board of Paul Quinn College, Waco, Tex.; Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga.; Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio; and Western University, Quindaro, Kan.

He was twelve years president of the Church Extension Board; four years president of the Publication Board, and is now serving his second term of four years as president of the Financial Board, being the first member of his church to be elected to this position for the second consecutive term.

Bishop Grant was a member of the Ecumenical Conference in Washington, 1891. He has made two trips to Europe, and has presided over the conferences on the western coast of Africa. He was a member of the Ecumenical Missionary Conference in New York, 1900, and is at present a member of the board of the Anna T. Jeannes Foundation Fund of \$1,000,000, for the education of colored youth of the rural districts of the southern states.